

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-56. (cancelled)

57. (new) A resilient clip for use in securing a two members together wherein one of the members has an aperture for receiving the resilient clip, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion having an insertion end and a flange extending from an end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end, the insertion end being adapted for insertion into the aperture and the flange portion being adapted to engage a surrounding portion of the aperture;

at least one spring member extending outwardly from the insertion end of the body portion, said spring member having an edge defining a plurality of teeth, said spring member having at least a portion which is twisted about an axis so that the plurality of teeth are positioned to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein; and

a central aperture in the body portion adapted to attach a coupling member from the other of the members to the resilient clip.

58. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

59. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 58, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

60. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 58, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

61. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 58, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat spring steel member.

62. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein said at least one spring member is two spring members, and wherein one of the two spring members extends from each side of the body portion.

63. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 62, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

64. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 62, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

65. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat sheet member.

66. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from spring steel.

67. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

68. (new) A resilient clip for use in securing a two members together wherein one of the members has an aperture for receiving the resilient clip, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion having an insertion end and a flange extending from an end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end, the insertion end being adapted for insertion into the aperture and the flange portion being adapted to engage a surrounding portion of the aperture;

at least one spring member extending from the body portion, said spring member having an untwisted surface adapted to contact an inner perimeter of the aperture in the member, and having a twisted portion with a plurality of peaks and valleys, the peaks and valleys being adapted to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein and to increase the force necessary for removal; and

a central aperture in the body portion adapted to attach a coupling member from the other of the members to the resilient clip.

69. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

70. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

71. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

72. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat spring steel member.

73. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein said at least one spring member is two spring members, and wherein one of the two spring members extends from each side of the body portion.

74. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 73, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

75. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 73, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

76. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat sheet member.

77. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from spring steel.

78. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

79. (new) A resilient clip for use in securing a two members together wherein one of the members has an aperture for receiving the resilient clip, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion of spring steel, the body portion having an insertion end and a flange extending from an end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end, the insertion end being adapted for insertion into the aperture and the flange portion being adapted to engage a surrounding portion of the aperture;

at least one spring member extending from the body portion, said spring member including a recess defined by removed spring steel material, the recess being adapted to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein and to increase the force necessary for removal; and

a central aperture in the body portion adapted to attach a coupling member from the other of the members to the resilient clip.

80. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 79, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

81. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 80, wherein said spring member has at least a portion which is twisted about an axis so that the recess is positioned to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein.

82. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 81, wherein said spring member has an untwisted surface adapted to contact an inner perimeter of the aperture in the member.

83. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 80, wherein the recess is a plurality of recesses.

84. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 80, wherein the recess has been cut into an edge of the spring member.

85. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 80, wherein said spring member has at least a portion which is twisted about an axis so that the recess is positioned to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein.

86. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 85, wherein said spring member has an untwisted surface adapted to contact an inner perimeter of the aperture in the member.

87. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 79, wherein said at least one spring member is two spring members, and wherein one of the two spring members extends from each side of the body portion.

88. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 79, further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

89. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 79, wherein the recess is a plurality of recesses.

90. (new) A resilient clip according to Claim 79, wherein the recess has been cut into an edge of the spring member.